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Chairman Kevin Martin
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445 12th Street, SW
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RE: Support BellSouth / AT&T Merger, WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Chairman Martin:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary



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